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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL CALLED IN CHARGE AND SAID THE GOVT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WOULD DO WHATEVER IT COULD TO MAKE CODEL LEGGETT'S VISIT A SUCCESS. DIRGEN WAS REASONABLY CERTAIN PRESIDENT SIAD WULD RECEIVE THE CODEL DURING ITS STAY. BASED ON OUR CURRENT UNDERSTANDING THAT CODEL WILL NOW ARRIVE ON SOMALI AIRLINES FLIGHT HH 501 FROM JIDDA TO MOGADISCIO AT 1150 ON JULY 5, AND DEPART HH 500, 1400 ON JULY 9, EMBASSY IS TRYING TO ARRANGE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM WITH THE SOMALIS:

A. DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY JULY 5: CHARGE MEETS CODEL AT AIRPORT. CODEL MEMBERS TRANSPORTED TO HOTEL AND RESIDENCE. INFORMAL LUNCH WITH EMBASSY STAFF HOSTED BY CHARGE. AFTER AFTERNOON FREE FOR SIGHT-SEEING, SHOPPING, OR RECREATION. (NOTE: JIDDA FLIGHT IS FREQUENTLY LATE. GIVEN TIME AVAILABLE TO CODEL EMBASSY BELIEVES IT UNWISE TO ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE CALLS ON DAY OF ARRIVAL. NORMAL SOMALI GOVT BUSINESS
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DAY IN MOGADISCIO ENDS AT 1400.

B. DAY TWO: THURSDAY, JULY 6: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC BRIEFING AT THE EMBASSY. CALL ON THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER; CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR HIS DEPUTY. CALL ON PRESIDENT SIAD.

C. DAY THREE: FRIDAY; JULY 7; SOMALI HOLIDAY.
VISIT TO A NEIGHBORING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OR AN ATTRACTIVE
RURAL BEACH DEPENDING UPON CODEL'S PREFERENCE. IF
CODEL WISHES TO SPLIT THE PARTY AND DO BOTH THAT MAY
ALSO BE POSSIBLE.

D. DAY FOUR: SATURDAY, JULY 8: CALL ON THE MINISTER
OF FINANCE. VISIT TO A SOMALI MILITARY UNIT. BUFFET
LUNCH WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF. CHARGE
HOSTS DINNER WITH SOMALI GUESTS IN HONOR OF CODEL.

E. DAY FIVE: SUNDAY, JULY 9: MORNING FREE FOR ANY
ITEMS OF UNFINISHED BUSINES. EARLY INFORMAL LUNCH.
1400 CODEL DEPARTS FOR ROME.

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO EARLIER CAVEAT THAT IT IS UNLIKELY
DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE WILL BE RESOLVED BEFORE CODEL'S
ACTUAL ARRIVAL. THE TIMING OF THE MEETING WITH THE
PRESIDENT IS UNVARIABLY FLEXIBLE, BUT HE NORMALLY IS
GENEROUS WITH HIS TIME WHEN THE SESSION TAKES PLACE.
FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE SUGGESTED WILL ALSO ENABLE CODEL
TO MEET OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATS IN MOGADISCIO
AND ADMIT OTHER WISHES CODEL MAY HAVE. EMBASSY
WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS.
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